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SUBJECT: STUDENT COUNSELLING AND PLACEMENT

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY VIRGIL CRIPPEN, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE MIDDLE EAST, THAT THE MINED OF OMAN HAS AGREED TO A CONTRACTIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH AFME TO PROVIDE COUNSELLING, PLACEMENT, AND SUPERVISORY SERVICES FOR OMANI STUDENTS IN THE UNITED STATES. CRIPPEN HAS INSTRUCTED DAVID MIZE, FIELD REP, TO PROCEED TO MUSCAT TO SIGN CONTRACT.

2. DURING DISCUSSION OF OTHER PROGRAMS CONDUCTED JOINTLY BY CU AND AFME, IN DEPARTMENT ON JULY 17, QUESTION OF DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATION IN OMANI STUDENT PROGRAM THOROUGHLY AIRED. DEPARTMENT AGREED TENTATIVELY TO PROVIDE UP TO TEN TRAVEL-ONLY GRANTS FOR OMANI STUDENTS EACH YEAR IN EFFORT TO BE RESPONSIVE TO PREVIOUS OMANI GOVERNMENT OVERTURES ON SUBJECT. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO SUPPORT TO CURRENT AFME STUDENT PROGRAM IN ARABIAN PENINSULA THAT RESULTS IN ONE OR TWO FULL FELLOWSHIPS FOR OMANIS EACH YEAR.

3. YOU MAY WISH TO REVIEW STATUS STUDENT PROGRAMS WITH
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MINED, BEARING IN MIND LIMITATIONS UNDER WHICH CU/FULBRIGHT
STUDENT PROGRAMS OPERATE: FOR EXAMPLE, STUDENTS ARE
GENERALLY AT GRADUATE LEVEL AND CAREFULLY SELECTED ON BASIS

OF ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS AND POTENTIAL; PROGRAM HAS ONLY
LIMITED CAPABILITY FOR FUNDING ENGLISH LANGUAGE
TRAINING FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS. IN EVENT MINED RAISES
ISSUE OF SUPPORT BY USG, REQUEST DEPARTMENT BE ADVISED
BEFORE ANY DISCUSSION OF ASSISTANCE ON BASIS PARAGRAPH
TWO ABOVE. HOWEVER, YOU MAY WISH TO EXPLORE AD
REFERENDUM WITH MINED THE KIND OF USG COOPERATION CON-
SIDERED APPROPRIATE, WITHIN INTRODUCTION OF NOTHING MORE THAN
CONCEPT OF TRAVEL GRANTS (ROUND TRIP AIRFARE PLUS LIMITED
EXCESS BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE) WHICH WAS AT EARLIER DATE OF
INTEREST TO MINED.

4. IN VIEW CLOSE DEPARTMENT IDENTIFICATION WITH OMANI
STUDENT PROGRAMS IN PAST, UNDER CURRENT GRANT TO AFME, AND
FUTURE SUPPORT PROPOSED ABOVE, REQUEST MISSION KEEP DEPART-
MENT INFORMED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS IN STUDENT FIELD,
INCLUDING SUBSTANCE OF CONTACTS WITH AFME REPS. KISSINGER

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